AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 12-21, and replace such paragraph with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides apparatus for adjusting an alignment between different outer-wall-defining sections of a cavity mold part of a mold in which a hollow product is formed in a mold cavity defined between the cavity mold part and a core mold part, comprising: a first eccentric ring having a first edge disposed in slideable contact with a side section of the cavity mold part that forms an outer surface of a sidewall portion of the hollow product; a second eccentric ring having a first edge disposed in slideable contact with a base section of the cavity mold part that forms an outer surface of a base portion of the hollow product, and having a second edge disposed in slideable contact with a second edge of the first eccentric ring; wherein the contact portions of each said edge are circumscribed by a respective circle; means for rotating the first eccentric ring to thereby adjust the relative positions of the first and second components and thereby adjust an alignment between the side and base sections of the cavity mold part; and means for rotating the second eccentric ring to thereby adjust the relative positions of the first and second components and thereby adjust the alignment between the side and base sections of the cavity mold part.

Please delete the two paragraphs that begin at page 2, line 13 and end at page 3, line 23, and replace such paragraphs with the following paragraph:

The present invention further provides a method of manufacturing a hollow product that is formed in a mold cavity defined between a cavity mold part and a core mold part, wherein a first machine component includes a side section of the cavity mold part that forms an outer surface of a sidewall portion of the hollow product and a second machine component includes a base section of the cavity mold part that forms an outer surface of a base portion of the hollow product; the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing said first and second machine components that are combined for manufacture of the product;

(b) adjusting the position of the first machine component relative to the position of the second machine component, and

(c) commencing manufacture of the product with the first machine component in said adjusted position;

wherein step (a) comprises the steps of

(d) combining the first machine component with a first eccentric ring having a first edge disposed in slideable contact with said first component;

(e) combining the second machine component with a second eccentric ring having a first edge disposed in slideable contact with said second component; and

(f) disposing a second edge of the second eccentric ring in slideable contact with a second edge of the first eccentric ring;

wherein the contact portions of each said edge are circumscribed by a respective circle; and

wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

(g) rotating the first eccentric ring to thereby adjust the relative positions of the first and second components; and

(h) rotating the second eccentric ring to thereby adjust the relative positions of the first and second components; and

wherein step (b) comprises the step of:

(i) adjusting an alignment between side and base sections of the cavity mold part.